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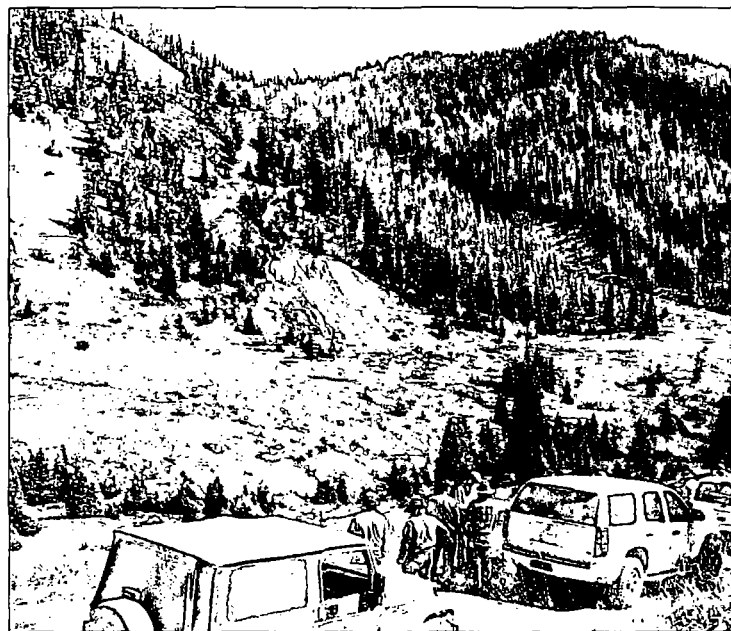
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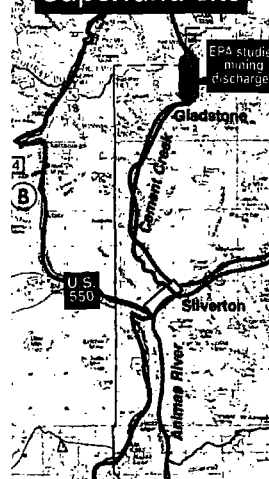
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- Best News Page Design
- Best Informational Graphic
- Best Feature Page Design
- Best Headline Writing



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## No more sled sales here

By Brice Hoskin

I would like to thank all of you who have supported me and Mountain Boy Sledworks since I started the company here in 2002. Because of your kind words, excellent ideas, product testing and pitching in when help was desperately needed, the company has grown beyond anyone's wildest expectations.

This year we shipped over 12,000 sleds to people across

#### GUEST OPINION

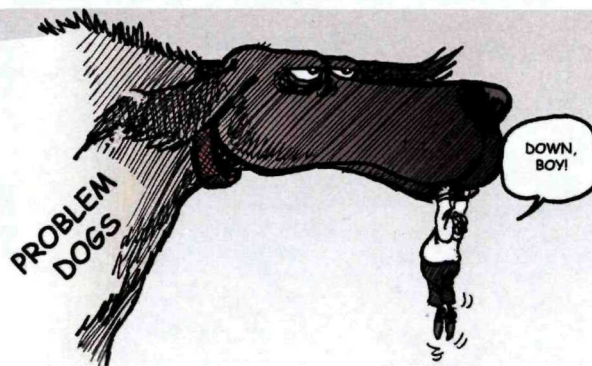
North America and Europe, and the future looks bright. This simply would not have been possible without your help.

Two weeks ago, I watched the Montanya banner trial in Silverton Municipal Court. I have no dispute with Judge Skinner's ruling. I believe he saw this case as something much like a parking ticket — he looked at the code, confirmed that we had put up a

banner that didn't comply, and issued his ruling.

From what I could tell, he walked into the courtroom that morning with his decision already written. The fact that we were told by Town staff that banners were allowed for special events simply didn't matter. Would he have ruled the same way on a citation for a "Welcome Hunters" or "Operation Linkup" banner? I

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## Senate should fully fund LWCF

#### GUEST OPINION

One important issue that Congress will face in the lame duck session on Nov. 15 is the need to finally provide consistency for a program that has done more for local communities and our country than most people realize.

Signed into law in 1964, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was designed to

dedicate a portion of revenues from offshore oil and gas development for land conservation and outdoor recreation throughout the country — a promise that has been chronically unfulfilled.

LWCF was supposed to receive \$900 million per year

— a drop in the bucket of offshore revenues that typically tally well over \$5 billion — but has been shortchanged by Congress nearly every year, with revenues regularly being diverted to other purposes.

Full funding has been appropriated only once in the LWCF's 46-year history and

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## Warm side of winter ends

By Freddie Canfield

The warm side of winter which we enjoyed the fall ended abruptly with the end of last weather week.

Since then an ongoing series of snow-producing weather patterns occurred in the San Juans and more so to our north. As a result, temperatures fluctuated downward along with intermittent snowflakes.

We have consistently experienced below zero and low single-digit readings for the first time this season.

Our not very high temperature readings hovered around the freezing mark more often than not.

All of this adds up to a sudden challenge to bipeds not equipped with appropriate footwear when contending with slippery surfaces in the Great Outdoors.

Bicycling now requires even greater concentration in the moment as well. In town or in the back country, be aware and beware!

Sled dogs, however, are absolutely ecstatic with the turn of meteorological events. Missy and Freddie are sharing their joyful enthusiasm and resulting commotion.

On Sunday morning we raced dog carts with plenty of wind chill and a temperature of 5

#### WEATHER AND OBSERVATIONS

| Date    | High | Low | Precip., conditions       |
|---------|------|-----|---------------------------|
| Nov. 10 | 33   | 0   | .12, 1.8", light overcast |
| Nov. 11 | 33   | -1  | Clear                     |
| Nov. 12 | 37   | -1  | Slightly overcast         |
| Nov. 13 | 41   | 3   | Virtually clear           |
| Nov. 14 | 34   | 5   | .11, 2" snow, overcast    |
| Nov. 15 | 26   | 3   | High overcast             |
| Nov. 16 | 38   | 5   | Clear                     |

degrees. Missy had the good sense to wear heat packs in her boots and gloves. Freddie didn't, and frozen-feeling fingers and toes were the result.

Why do Huskies howl exactly when I need to wake up or precisely at 7 a.m. when I take my meteorological readings for the day? The mysteries of life surround us like the wilderness surrounds Silverton.

This time of year living where and as we do, very little interferes.

Our connectedness with our own natures and the natural world renews.

We can find ourselves awakening to awe and wonder at any moment. May this always be true for each and every one of us — no matter where we are.

#### FROM THE STANDARD MAIL CAR



#### Town Council asked to lift the banner ban

Dear Town Council and Town Administrator;

I just got done reading the article about the Hoskins' banner violation.

As a citizen of Silverton and San Juan County I'd like to voice my support for a change in that policy.

I'm going to be blunt;

We NEED to bring people to our businesses and anything that makes that harder is a bad thing for the town. I used to own a business in Durango and they allow for temporary signage for up to seven days a month (so that a business can advertise a special event). I think that's a reasonable alternative to our current "no way, no how" policy.

Furthermore, if the Town is worried about the way signage might look, let's take a look at how these boarded up homes and businesses look; now THAT is unsightly and bad for the Town's image of a "year-round community." We need to address that more than we need to worry about a business trying to bring in a few tax dollars we so desperately need.

Thanks for listening and I hope that you would please share this with your Board members and any other committee members that you should think would be interested.

Respectfully,  
Anne-Britt Ostlund,  
Silverton

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#### ROAMIN' POHLMANS

## Goin' to Chicago

Did you know that the Windy City doesn't refer to air movement, but about the hot air coming from the politicians?

Heck, some of our politicians would be right at home there.

Can you say Beluga? Never in my life did I think I would see Beluga whales, especially in Chicago. No, I'm not talking about the people. Ha ha! I'm talking about the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. Awesome exhibit! They have four Beluga whales and a baby, their so cool. (It will be five whales if I don't quit doing the hand-to-mouth exercise).

(R.V. tip #7 — Wahoo for Walmart! You can spend the night in their parking lots when your husband makes a wrong turn.)

Hey, what's with those toll roads? E-gads! We encountered toll roads in Chicago and you have to take out a small loan for them. (R.V. tip #8 — The booth operator let us in on a little secret. It's cheaper when you travel between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.) Yah, whatever! I would personally like to be sleeping between those hours. Oh,

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## HOUSE GETS A LIFT



A crane helps place a segment of Beccy Rhoades' new modular home on its foundation on Empire Street on Thursday, Nov. 11.

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believe he would have.

Of course, the point of the defense was that those banners — and over 20 others — didn't receive citations.

Town staff clearly didn't know that Judge Skinner would look at the case this way. Their pride was on the line, and they put all possible effort into making sure they would "win."

Town attorney Jeff Robbins prepared very well, and then put in a full day in court. The cost? I'm guessing \$5,000, plus thousands more in staff time. Even then, however, Town Manager Jason Wells and Code

Enforcer Keith Thompson, felt they needed something more. So they took an inventive approach when recalling the facts of the case.

I expect far better from Town staff, whose job is to serve the public.

Maybe, as the saying goes, you can't fight City Hall. But, you can take away some of their funding. A small percentage of the Town's budget comes from tax collected on the sales of Mountain Boy sleds sold here.

Since the beginning, I have offered locals a big discount off retail price, and many of you have found this to be a great

way to both support Mountain Boy and get special Christmas presents. The tax on those sales went to the Town of Silverton, helping to pay the salaries of Wells and Thompson.

Because I cannot in good conscience continue to help Town Hall in this way, I will no longer be selling sleds in Silverton. I apologize to those of you who will be saddened by this news — I have to follow my heart on this one. And if you are upset with the Town's approach, please let them know.

*Brice Hoskin is a Silverton resident and business owner.*

## Karel Lynn Pense, 64, dies on Nov. 15

Karel Lynn Pense, 64, passed on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2010 after battling stage 3 cancer for the last 10 years.

Lynn was born in Boise, Idaho, to Reginald (Tex) and Carol (Filmore) Bowman on Sept. 22, 1946. Lynn grew up between Idaho and Alaska. Her father, stepmother and sister relocated to Silverton in 1964. On a visit to Silverton to see her family, she met and fell in love with Ron Pense. In 1966 she married Ron, with who she would raise a family and spend her life with at the base of Kendall Mountain.

Lynn was an election judge for the Town of Silverton and San Juan County for many years. She worked for Emilia Dailey for a number of years greeting the visitors to the San Juans. She was loved by all who came into contact with her and always had a kind word for those in her life.

She is preceded in death by her mother an father, a step-mother and stepfather. She is

### Celebration of Lynn's life Nov. 20 at Town Hall

The celebration of Lynn's life will be held in the council chambers of Silverton Town Hall, upstairs, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 20.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking that all donations be made to the Silverton San Juan Volunteer Fire Department or the Silverton Public School.

survived by a loving husband, Ron Pense; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and David Zanoni of Silverton, and a son, Scott Pense of Laguna Hills, Calif.; three wonderful grandsons, Derrick Zanoni, Mason and Colton Pense; her sister and brother-in-law Debbie and Rick Jahnke of Port Townsend, Wash.; and sister, Roxanne Miranda of Tucson, Ariz., and her son and granddaughter.

### Giving Thanks: Giving Thanks a restorative morning for your whole day

#### Community movement class with Ananda

Thanksgiving Thursday November 25th  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Silverton Movement Center  
\$9 payable to Ananda Foley

Regular classes with Ananda Foley and Christine Chambers are at Silverton Movement Center  
Tuesdays 8:15 AM & Thursdays 9:30 PM

~wear clothes that allow range of motion, bring water & yourself.

~allow an almost empty stomach so your system can concentrate on digestive rest & reset.

~come leave your shoes at the door (and be ready to sway a little too)~

Winter is Just Around the Corner  
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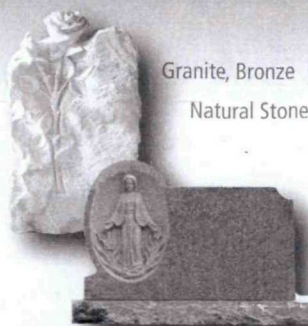
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## IN BRIEF

### Chamber ordering bigger 'Open' flags for businesses

The Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce is in the process of ordering new "OPEN" flags for all businesses that plan on being open this winter, and that wish to display the flags from Nov. 1 to April 30, the time allowed by the Town of Silverton to display them.

Businesses that wish to be code-compliant with the Town of Silverton are urged to use

these Chamber-approved flags. These flags are given special consideration by the Town of Silverton in section 7-2-19F of the Town's Planning and Zoning codes, following passage of Town Ordinance 2009-01.

Call Keith Thompson at Town Hall at 387-5522 if there are any questions concerning this.

The intent of the flags is to encourage businesses to remain open during the winter months. The flags will better promote each individual property that is open, operating and located in the B-P business district, and will distinguish that business from the many businesses that are closed during the winter.

The Chamber Board of Directors has approved a bigger-sized 3'x5' flag for use in town. Businesses that purchased the previous flags for the winter of 2008-2009 can continue to use those flags.

To purchase a flag, please call Rose Raab, Chamber manager, at 387-5654. Flags will be ordered soon, so do not delay in placing your order. The number of flags ordered will determine individual cost.

### Permits available to cut Christmas trees

Christmas tree permits, which allow you to cut your own Christmas tree on National Forest and BLM lands, will on sale at San Juan Public Lands offices and selected retail outlets, beginning Friday, Nov. 19.

A permit, which costs \$8, allows you to cut one tree up to 20 feet tall for personal use. This year's permits expire Dec. 31. Permits come with a brochure that explains regulations and offers helpful tips. National Forest/BLM offices also sell maps and offer free advice on the best areas for tree harvesting, and the best species of tree to cut. In Durango, permits are on sale at:

- San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court
- Kroeger's Ace Hardware, #8 Town Plaza

National Forest and BLM roads are not plowed for snow removal, and even if backcountry roads are not blocked by snow, dangerous ice conditions may exist.

Call the San Juan Public Lands Center at (970) 247-4874 for up-to-date information on road conditions.

### Community celebrates Joe Todeschi's 95th birthday on Dec. 4

Family and friends of Joe Todeschi are planning to have "a little get-together" on Saturday, Dec. 4 to celebrate Joe's 95th birthday.

Joe was born on Dec. 4, 1915 in Silverton and has been a lifelong resident. He is now the oldest resident in town.

Coffee and cake and other goodies will be served. No presents needed, because, according to Joe's relatives, "he has about two of everything he wants."

## MOUNTAIN HAPPENINGS

### Monday, Nov. 22

- **Silverton Town Council**, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. Public hearing on 2011 budget.

### Tuesday, Nov. 23

- **San Juan County Board of Commissioners**, 6:30 p.m., county courthouse. Public hearing on 2011 budget.

### Wednesday, Nov. 24

- **The Silverton Standard & Miner** is published a day early due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

### Thanksgiving Day

- **Traditional turkey dinner**, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., American Legion Post 14. Those attending may contribute side dishes or desserts. Donations will be accepted. Everyone is welcome. Sponsors: Legion post, Church on the Hill, St. Patrick's Church Altar Society.

### Coming Up

- **Saturday, Dec. 11: American Legion Women's Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar.** Those interested for a table, call Vicky at 387-5095.

- **The Silverton Threads Quilting Club** is now meeting at a different time. Call Gloria Sandell for more information, 387-5761.

### Ongoing

- **Silverton Movement Center**: Nov. 18 — Pilates Mat, all levels, 8:15 a.m.; Crossfit, 4:30 p.m.; Yoga, 5:30 p.m.; Nov. 19 — Kettlebell II and The Workout, 8:15 a.m.; Nov. 23 — Yoga, 8:15 a.m.; Crossfit, 5:15 p.m.; Nov. 24 — Crossfit, 8:15 a.m.; Nov. 25 — Indoor cycling, 8:30 a.m.; Turkey workout, 8:30-9:45 p.m.; Nov. 29 — Pilates Mat II, 8:15 a.m.; Crossfit, 9:15 a.m.; 30/30 Spin/kettlebell/abs, 5:15 p.m.; Nov. 30 — Yoga, 8:15 a.m.; Crossfit, 5:15 p.m.

- **A Coat of Many Colors** free community clothes closet, open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Mondays, at the Church on the Hill Parsonage. No donations at this time, please. 769-1963.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting in Silverton. For meeting times, questions or help,

call (888) 333-9649.

- **American Legion meetings**, 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, Legion Post.

### Silverton Youth Center activities

**Silverton Youth Center** is open from 3:45 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 4-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, closed on Sundays.

Mondays, Mad Scientist, 4-5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, hang out time; Thursdays — Elementary movie, 6 p.m.; Fridays — Middle school/high school movie, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, Hang Out Time.

### Spiritual events

- **Church of Christ**, Sundays: Bible class, 8 a.m.; service, 9 a.m.; and Sunday evening Bible discussion, 5 p.m., (303) 257-3092.

- **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Father Nat Foshage, Mass at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Wednesdays, 1005 Reese St., 325-4373

- **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, President Duane Eggett, Sunday services: 9 a.m. priesthood, 10 a.m.; sacrament, 11 a.m. Sunday school, 727 Greene St., 387-5338

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## LWCF, from Page 2

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Close to home, LWCF provided financial support for Memorial Park, The Red Mountain Task Force, Ouray Hot Springs Park, Ridgway Town Park, Animas River Trail Park and Mesa View Park in Durango, and numerous other projects regionally.

On July 30, the U.S. House of Representatives took on the challenge by passing the Consolidated Land, Energy and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act of 2009, H.R. 3534 including full, dedicated funding for



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LWCF. In addition, LWCF was a centerpiece of the Administration's "America's Great Outdoors" listening sessions throughout the country this summer and is expected to

be a priority as that initiative continues to take shape.

But the Senate needs to act in order to capture this opportunity and momentum to finally ensure LWCF receives its due.

Senators Udall and Bennet should work with Senate leadership to ensure that full and dedicated LWCF funding is included in energy or other relevant legislation and enacted before

the end of this Congress.

*This letter was signed by Bev Rich, Lisa Richardson, Brice Hoskin, Karla Safranski, Pete McKay, and David Singer*

## Kristine Burns appointed to Silverton school board

San Juan County Undersheriff Kristine Burns was appointed to the Silverton school board on Tuesday, Nov. 16, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Cliff Pohlman.

Burns was one of four candidates considered for the vacancy by the other school board members, Paul Zimmerman, Keri Metzler and Mark Garvin. School board member Dan Salazar was not at the meeting. He was in training in Longmont for his appraiser's license, having been elected San Juan County assessor on Nov. 2.

Burns said that while she has no children in school, she can

bring a different perspective to the board and will always keep in mind what is best for the students.

She also noted she has a background in overseeing building permits in Longmont, which may be helpful as the school is in the midst of an \$11.8 million building renovation project.

Others who applied for the board vacancy were Bob Boeder, Mary Krause and Amy Swonger.

Burns was appointed in a secret ballot by the three board members present. Her seat and three others — those held by Metzler, Garvin and Salazar — will be up for election next fall.

## LETTERS, from Page 2

### Coal would have been best choice for school

Editor;

It is so sad that the "powers that be" have decided that coal is not a satisfactory source for providing heat for the school. Rather, they were looking at such politically correct (and impractical and/or uneconomic) sources, such as solar and wind. It is surprising that they did not opt for pursuing things like capturing human methane as a heat source.

Coal has been, and is still, one of the best and most economical sources for heat and energy production ever discovered.

The panic engendered by the "man-caused-global-warm-

ing" crowd and boosted by the news media seems to have gotten to Silverton.

Such a shame.

Jack Mulliken

Carnegie, Pa.

Silverton HS, Class of '46

### Consider a staging area for ATVs — and tone down the lights

Editor;

Silverton and San Juan County are wonderful and I am enjoying living here! Having come from another mountain town I have witnessed many ideas put into action that have both worked and failed.

With this being said I just want to say that bringing four-wheelers and other off road

contraptions INTO town seems like a bad idea. I do think if feasible, an access "road" and staging area on the outskirts could solve this debate. I would also like to add that maybe toning down the street lights could save money and add to the ambiance that locals and visitors alike could appreciate.

Michael O'Donnell,  
Silverton

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## POHLMANS, from Page 2

and if you pass through a toll booth that gives you a ticket at the entrance and requires you to pay at the exit, DO NOT SPEED! They monitor your time and if you exceeded the time limit, then you get a ticket.

(R.V. tip #9 — Friends are a good thing to have around the country.) I contacted a couple Jessica and I met at Handlebars this summer, and they actually remembered us (silly people). They picked us up in their minivan and took us out on the town. Now that was a screaming ride! Literally.

Did I forget to mention he used to be a taxi driver. After that we took the L (an elevated train over the city streets) that was fun. We encountered some gang bangers that were coming on to

the girls. Boy, are they lucky they got off! I was about to open up a can of Mommy Kung Fu on them.

We were informed by a certain Silverton resident from Chicago, who will remain nameless (his initials are Andy Hanahan) the best pizza is in Chicago.

Oh My Gosh! He s so right! It was deep-dish, cheesy, mouth-watering and we ate it till we hurt. If that wasn't bad enough we then called Andy when we were in Greektown, and tortured him with descriptions of delicious food from a local Greek restaurant. Opa!

Hey, What are friends for?! Off to the Great Lake State.

*The Pohlman family of Silverton is traveling around the country in an R.V.*

## "Death notices for delinquent subscribers will not be inserted."

— an extract from the Gladstone Kibosh, January 5, 1901

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**Left:** Listening to their Aikido instructor are, from left, Evan Donovan, Kiyoshi Salazar, Paton Edwards, Aiden Swonger, Nolan Swonger, Seamus Garvin and Raja Breford-Lefebvre.

**Below:** Students practice some hand stands.

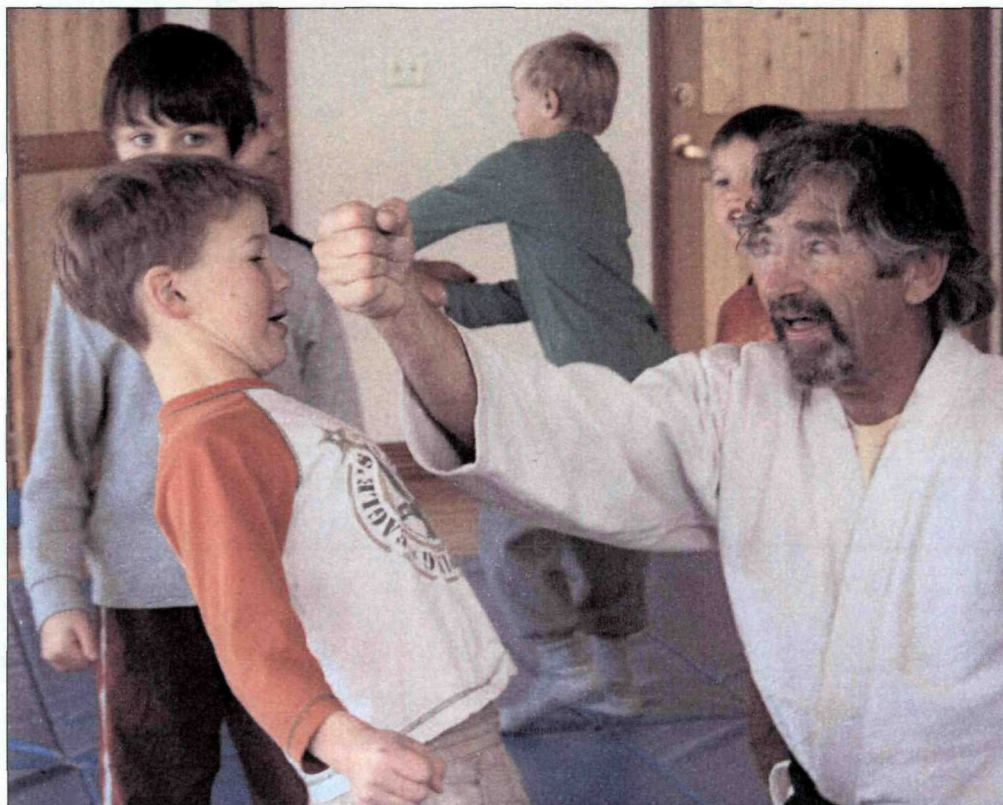
**Lower left:** Emilie deKay's attempt to punch instructor Richard McKearnen is thwarted as Nolan Swonger watches.

**Bottom:** Kiyoshi Salazar takes a shot at McKearnen as Alan Prieto watches.

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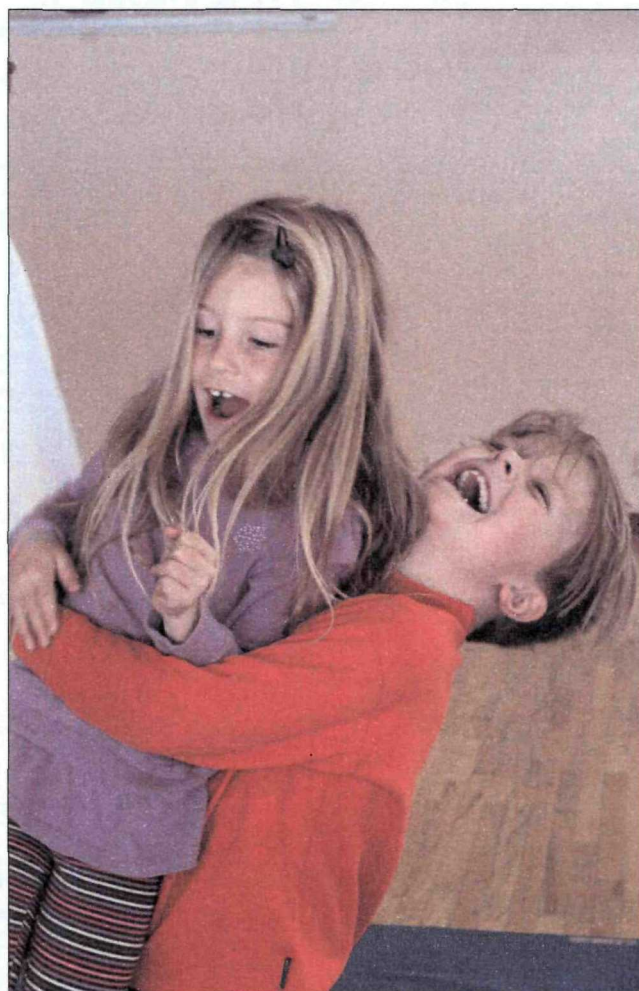
## 'THE WAY OF HARMONIOUS SPIRIT'

Silverton students in all grades are studying Aikido, a Japanese martial art often translated into "The Way of Unifying with life energy" or "the Way of harmonious spirit." It's part of an after-school extracurricular activity sponsored by the Silverton School Booster Club and being taught by Richard McKeameen, an instructor with Four Corners Aikido Koki Kai. In these photos, students from kindergarten to second grade practice at the Kendall Mountain Community Center on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

**Above:** Kai Morris learns to dodge a punch.

**Below:** Alan Prieto tries to punch the instructor, but McKeameen dodges the blow and demonstrates how to use the punch's energy against the attacker.

**Right:** Raja Braford-Lefebvre gets a lift from Seamus Garvin.





**SUPERFUND, from Page 1**

Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

Enacted by Congress in 1980, it created a tax on the chemical and petroleum industry to establish a trust fund for major environmental cleanups. This tax no longer exists; however, EPA receives over \$7 billion in Congressional funding each year and about \$1.2 billion goes to Superfund programs. And the law helps the EPA to identify and establish the liability, viability, and capability of persons potentially responsible for releases of hazardous substances.

**The first step**

The first step of the process for listing Superfund sites is for the EPA to do a preliminary assessment and site inspection. Following the site inspection, or in this case, the site reassessment, the site data and other information are used in a mathematical model. The model, called the Hazard Ranking System is a screening tool that allows the agency to assess the relative threat associated with actual or potential releases of hazardous substances from sites across the nation.

If the model indicates the site could be listed for further investigation and a comprehensive response action, much more work with all stakeholders, including landowners, the community, and state will be needed to place the site on the NPL, Forrest said. "However, once a site is listed, a plan is developed to remediate the contamination. The cleanup plan does not get developed without significant input from all stakeholders."

Since 2009 and prior to the site reassessment, the EPA and ARSG members have focused on collecting water-quality data from mine adits and other mining-impacted drainages to see how water quality and flows have been changing since the American Tunnel was plugged and water treatment in Gladstone was stopped in 2004. Those data are not of the type EPA would exclusively use for the HRS model.

"We don't have a comprehensive enough data set to say that this is a NPL-caliber site," Forrest said. "We can't say where this is going, but in order to determine if it is of National Priorities List caliber, data has to be collected that we can use in our model."

Forrest said Superfund listing is "one potential tool in the tool box" in the EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment.

"We did the sampling in the last few weeks," Forrest said. "It will be another four to eight weeks before we start getting data and tasking our contractors to start poring over it," Forrest said.

She added that she expects a determination on whether the site qualifies as a Superfund priority to come in January or February at the earliest.

Forrest also noted that Superfund listing "needs community support" and state support in the form of a governor's letter to the EPA.

"There's a lot of coming



Mark Esper/Silverton Standard & the Miner file photo

From left, Steve Fearn of Silverton, Sabrina Forrest of the Environmental Protection Agency's Denver office, Kay Zillich of the Bureau of Land Management, and Peter Butler of Durango discuss water quality issues associated with mine runoff along Cement Creek in a September field trip organized by the Animas River Stakeholders Group. To the right, tailings from the Bonita and Red Mine are visible, with water gushing over it.

## Cement Creek's complex problem

Cement Creek has seen a steady increase in metals loading since a treatment plant for mine runoff at Gladstone was shut down in 2004.

That shutdown was the result of a court order in a lawsuit involving a complicated property dispute.

The water treatment plant had been operating since the early 1980s, in conjunction with the Sunnyside Mine, which closed in 1991.

Just above the site in Gladstone where the treatment plant once stood lies the portal to the American Tunnel, which was sealed starting in the late 1990s by a series of three bulkheads.

It was hoped the bulkheads would limit discharge of contaminated water from the mine, and for a time, that appeared to be the case.

But about four years ago it was noticed that discharges of water from other mines was increasing.

Now, about 250 gallons per minute are gushing from the Gold King Mine opening above the tunnel. The Mogul and the Red and Bonita mines are also showing increases in discharge as water has risen some 1,000 feet above the American Tunnel level after the bulkheads were put in there.

together that needs to happen," Forrest said.

## Superfund: The process at a glance

The Superfund cleanup process begins with site discovery or notification to EPA of possible releases of hazardous substances. Sites are discovered by various parties, including citizens, State agencies, and EPA Regional offices.

Once discovered, sites are entered into the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS), EPA's computerized inventory of potential hazardous substance release sites (search CERCLIS for hazardous waste sites).

Some sites may be cleaned up under other authorities. EPA then evaluates the potential for a release of hazardous substances from the site through these steps in the Superfund cleanup process.

Community involvement, enforcement, and emergency response can occur at any time in the process. A wide variety of characterization, monitoring, and remediation technologies are used through the cleanup process:

- **Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection:** Investigations of site conditions. If the release of hazardous substances requires immediate or short-term response actions, these are addressed under the Emergency Response program of Superfund.

- **National Priorities List (NPL) Site Listing Process:** A list of the most serious sites identified for possible long-term cleanup.

- **Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study:**

Determines the nature and extent of contamination. Assesses the treatability of site contamination and evaluates the potential performance and cost of treatment technologies.

- **Records of Decision:** Explains which cleanup alternatives will be used at NPL sites. When remedies exceed 25 million, they are reviewed by the National Remedy Review Board.

- **Remedial Design/Remedial Action:** Preparation and implementation of plans and specifications for applying site remedies. The bulk of the cleanup usually occurs during this phase. All new fund-financed remedies are reviewed by the National Priorities Panel.

- **Construction Completion:** Identifies completion of physical cleanup construction, although this does not necessarily indicate whether final cleanup levels have been achieved.

- **Post Construction Completion:** Ensures that Superfund response actions provide for the long-term protection of human health and the environment. Included here are Long-Term Response Actions (LTRA), Operation and Maintenance, Institutional Controls, Five-Year Reviews, Remedy Optimization.

- **National Priorities List Deletion:** Removes a site from the NPL once all response actions are complete and all cleanup goals have been achieved.

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

### The sites in question

The site reassessment work focuses on a cluster of mine sites at and above Gladstone, including the American Tunnel, Gold King Number 7 level, the Mogul and Grand Mogul and the Red and Bonita mines.

Bill Simon coordinator of the Animas River Stakeholders Group, said that while the group has sought "appropriate and cost-effective assistance" from the EPA, the group has "consistently rejected the CERCLA (Superfund) program."

The ASRG has instead favored funding from other sources, such as the Headwaters Initiative, Mine Scarred Lands and Targeted Brownfields programs.

"Nevertheless, all options are on the table, as they have been in the past," Simon said. "The EPA has obligations that they must attempt to address and we have ours. They are not always the same."

Simon estimated some 400 pounds of zinc per day are being poured into the drainage. Much of that was previously being taken out by the treatment plant at Gladstone prior to 2004.

The stakeholders group was formed in 1994 as a collaborative approach to water quality issues in the region and as an alternative to a Superfund designation in the area. It includes representatives from the EPA, Colorado Department of Health

and Environment, the San Juan Public Lands Office, and community members interested in water quality issues in the upper Animas Basin.

Many in the Silverton community felt that the stigma of such a designation would devastate the area's tourism industry.

Steve Fearn, a member of the ASRG and a Silverton mining engineer with extensive experience in the San Juans, says the stakeholders group has not been asked to support a CERCLA action, "and in my opinion, there would probably not be a consensus in the group to support this."

Fearn noted that over the past 16 years, ASRG "has specifically

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cally not endorsed Superfund actions in the basin, but has successfully worked on more collaborative alternatives."

Fearn acknowledged that the Gladstone/Cement Creek metal loading issue "is probably the single largest water quality issue we have in the Upper Animas Basin."

He expressed hope that the data gathered by the EPA "will be useful in understanding the details of the problem so that better solutions can be identified."

And Fearn said that while the EPA "may feel it is required to determine if this process (Superfund) would be applicable to this situation, this action is independent of the stakeholders group."

**'Nibbling at the edges'**

Forrest said she appreciates the progress ASRG has made over the years.

"The stakeholders have done a phenomenal job, but they're kind of nibbling around the edges of what are some larger remaining issues with regard to sources of water quality and habitat degradation. Those issues will be expensive to address," Forrest said.

Forrest said she would like to see more community involvement in addressing the problems of water quality degradation due to past mining activities.

And she said the current effort to determine if the Cement Creek district qualifies for Superfund differs from past initiatives.

Forrest noted that some EPA inspection of the area was done in the late 1990s, "but they were looking at the area in a larger, watershed way."

"We're now just trying to focus on some of the larger sources on Cement Creek that have the worst impact on water quality," Forrest said.

Forrest acknowledged that the EPA did make a past commitment that if the stakeholders group finds collaborative ways to make water quality improvements that Superfund would not be used.

But Forrest noted that water quality in Cement Creek has gone downhill since 2005 when a treatment plant at Gladstone went off line.

"That's when we started to see more degraded water quality beginning" Forrest said.

In light of that, she said the EPA may have to reconsider its stance. She said the EPA did agree to steer clear of Superfund as long as there is improvement, "but that hasn't continued."

Todd Hennis of Silver Plume, who owns several mining properties in San Juan County, expressed concern that the EPA will require past and present landowners in the area to pay for the cleanup, whether they are responsible for the contamination or not.

He also urged state and federal officials to implement what he called "the only real technical solution" to the mine pool problem by removing the third bulkhead of the American Tunnel, which he said would remove all the new discharges that have occurred since 2000, and allow the water to be treated from a single source.

He said it could be done "in a way that strengthens the San Juan County community rather than destroying it."

Hennis accused the EPA of "breaking its promise to the people of San Juan County" by pursuing possible Superfund designation.

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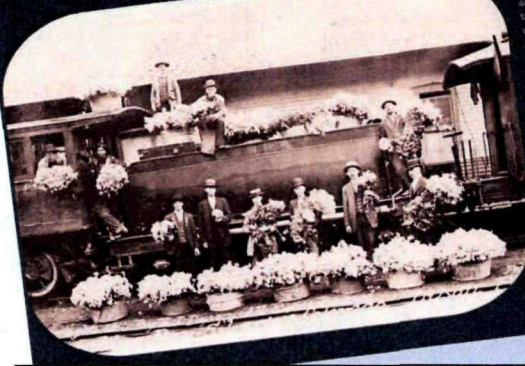
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**January 4, 1908**

New Year day passed off very quietly this year, only four or five accidents occurring owing to the shooting at midnight. The watch service at the Silverton Army was a failure, as Deacon Devine, the only participant, was shot with a stray bullet in the hip and retired at 11:50. Only one arrest - Willie H. Good was charged with refusing to drink and fight at 12:08 a.m.

**Jan. 6, 1901**

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"Leave your shoes at the door and be ready to sway a little too," Foley said.

**Effort to revive Step Back in Time dropped**

The Durango-based Victorian Aid Society has given up on its plan to revive the Step Back in

Time celebration in Silverton after town officials refused to offer the free use of Town Hall for a dance.

The town was asking for \$375 for using the upstairs meeting room for four hours.

The Victorian Aid Society wanted to put on a dance in mid-June, around which other Step Back in Time events could be organized.

Step Back in Time is Silverton's celebration of yesteryear.

Victorian Aid Society representative Darla Hill expressed disappointment over the town's refusal to allow Town Hall to be used at no cost.

Town Administrator Jason

Wells said the town is facing serious costs to maintain its facilities but it does offer discounts to nonprofits.

"I do think it's unfortunate that we couldn't strike a balance with Victorian Aid Society that would both allow for their event and help us establish some solvency in our facilities upkeep coffers," Wells said.

On Monday, the Town Council's buildings and grounds committee, comprised of Pat Swonger, Karla Safranski and David Zanon, suggested the aid society make a donation to help with the upkeep of Town Hall as a way to help pay for its use of the facility.

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**SHOOTING SUSPECT  
ESCAPES FROM JAIL.**

Tuesday evening two prisoners escaped from the county jail, making their get away by sawing through the bars on one of the windows. One of the prisoners was charged with the shooting of Joe Fred, Jr., which occurred last Saturday night

**50 YEARS AGO**  
From the November 18, 1960 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:  
**OPTIMISM RISES THAT  
RAILROAD WILL STAY.**

Optimism over keeping the Silverton train in operation rose in Silverton this week as hearings on the rail company's proposal to abandon the Silverton branch

ended. The sessions started Monday and continued through Wednesday.

By the time the hearing got under way, several more groups joined the Town of Silverton, County of San Juan, County of La Plata, Trainmen's Union, and others in protesting the proposal to abandon this money-making narrow gauge.

**PLANE CRASHES,  
TWO RESCUED.**

A low flying plane over Silverton last Tuesday evening appeared to be in trouble as the engines seemed to be misfiring and the plane shaking from air turbulence. The pilot managed to head the craft south and turned near Molas lake in the direction of the Needles mountains. An

SOS was picked up as the plane nosed to earth between Twin and Ute lakes, a very remote and isolated area, reported Sheriff Jack Caine.

Making a quick rescue was a helicopter dispatched from Denver to Pagosa Springs. Within a short time they had the injured pilot in the Durango hospital. Next morning they went back for the second passenger, Forest Ranger Steve Yurich of the Piedra station.

Mr. Paul Voilleque, senior in physics at the University of Colorado, is doing part-time work at the University as a technician in the new electronic laboratory recently installed by the modern language department of that institution.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY ORDER OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 10, 2010.

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| MAISEL EXCAVATION, SMELTER & COAL         | 25052.50 |
| BRAINSTORM, INTERNET                      | 1123.98  |
| TRAUTNER GEOTECH, BILL                    | 3993.70  |
| CCI, CONFERENCE                           | 335.00   |
| QWEST CORP., JNCT ROAD 550-110 INCREASE   | 562.75   |
| DAVID ZANONI, 2010 FIRE INSPECTOR         | 3000.00  |
| QWEST, BILLS                              | 895.51   |
| CANON FINANCIAL, COPIER USAGE             | 78.13    |
| AT&T, BILLS                               | 139.55   |
| JOHN SCHERTZ, OCT FURNACE TENDING         | 1485.00  |
| BECCY RHOADES, OCT CUSTODIAN PAY          | 847.50   |
| ROSE M. RAAB, ELECTION JUDGE PAY          | 150.00   |
| ELEANOR C. HALEY, ELECTION JUDGE PAY      | 150.00   |
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| NINA FOSTER, ELECTION JUDGE PAY           | 400.00   |
| KERI METZLER, ELECTION JUDGE PAY          | 400.00   |
| PENNY DAVIS, ELECTION JUDGE PAY           | 270.00   |
| CHRISTINE TOOKEY, ELECTION JUDGE PAY      | 200.00   |
| PRIDE OF THE WEST, ELECTION JUDGES MEALS  | 144.00   |
| KRISTINE MAXFIELD, REIMB MILEAGE-SUPPLIES | 719.75   |
| COLO COUNTIES, CONFERENCE                 | 335.00   |
| BEV RICH, REIMB SEMINAR                   | 66.70    |
| SILVERTON STANDARD, LEGALS                | 1341.00  |
| CO ASSESSORS ASSOC., CONFERENCE           | 300.00   |
| CO DIST ATTORNEY, STATUTES                | 213.00   |
| CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RENEWAL              | 50.00    |
| SILVERTON ELECTRIC, CHECK HEATER          | 45.50    |
| MEDTECH FORENSICS, BODY BAGS              | 392.00   |
| LA PLATA DETENTION, SEPT JAIL, BILL       | 3120.00  |
| SILVERTON FIRE DEPT, REIMB BILLS          | 5603.69  |
| SILVERTON AMBULANCE, OCT PAYMENT          | 7500.00  |
| BLAIR & ASSOC, 2009 AUDIT                 | 7500.00  |
| PAUL C. SUNDERLAND, OCT ATTORNEY PAY      | 1511.88  |
| VISA, BILLS                               | 2836.86  |
| SAN MIGUEL POWER, BILLS                   | 1217.00  |
| PUEBLO CO INFO, COMPUTER LEASES           | 2108.50  |
| USBANK OFFICE EQUIP, COPIER USAGE         | 147.69   |
| OFFICE DEPOT, SUPPLIES                    | 361.08   |
| TRIANGLE SERVICE, FUEL                    | 783.64   |
| SILVERTON GROCERY, CUST SUPPLIES          | 111.09   |
| C N A SURETY, BONDS                       | 640.00   |
| TARGET RENTALS, RENT COMPRESSOR           | 84.08    |
| PETER BUTLER, IMPACT ASSISTANCE           | 1378.28  |
| WILLIAM SIMON, AWC CHARGES                | 13477.89 |
| DEANNA JARAMILLO, REIMB MILEAGE           | 972.04   |
| FLEET SERVICES, SHERIFFS FUEL             | 317.28   |
| CLEOA, 2011 DUES                          | 60.00    |
| TERRY S. RHOADES, REIMB TRAVEL            | 72.40    |
| TOTAL GENERAL                             | 92573.97 |

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| ROAD                                 |          |
| MAISEL EXC, TRACKHOE, LABOR, COAL    | 3595.00  |
| CATERPILLAR ACCESS, OCT PAYMENT      | 3197.11  |
| QWEST, BILL                          | 158.01   |
| SAN MIGUEL POWER, BILL               | 152.00   |
| FOUR CORNERS WELDING, KOX-MAC        | 90.00    |
| LAWSON PRODUCTS, SUPPLIES            | 210.83   |
| TRIANGLE SERVICE, FUEL, BATTERY      | 2246.64  |
| WAGNER EQUIP, PARTS                  | 1731.51  |
| SILVERTON GROCERY, FUEL              | 555.63   |
| SILVERTON STANDARD, SNOW REMOVAL ADD | 59.95    |
| TOTAL ROAD                           | 11996.68 |

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Houghton Mountain/Mineral Creek  
Project  
Contractor's Settlement

Notice is hereby given that on December 3, 2010, at Denver, Colorado, final settlement will be made by the STATE OF COLORADO with K & P Property Designs, hereinafter called the "Contractor", for and on account of the contract for the construction of the Houghton Mountain/Mineral Creek Project which included installing steel grates and hand backfilling remote mine sites near Silverton and Durango, CO.

Any person, copartnership, association or corporation who has an unpaid claim against the said project, for or on account of the furnishing of labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provisions, provender or other supplies used or consumed by such Contractor or any of his subcontractors in or about the performance of said work, may at any time up to and including said time of such final settlement, file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim. All such claims shall be filed with the Inactive Mine Reclamation Program, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203. Failure on the part of a creditor to file such statement prior to such final settlement will relieve the State of Colorado from any and all liability for such claim.

Dated at Denver, Colorado, November 3, 2010.  
STATE OF COLORADO, acting by and through:

By: Yvonne Brannon, Program Assistant

Published in the Silverton Standard, Nov. 11 and 18, 2010.

**FRIDGE, from Page 1**

Wells suggested establishing a contingency fund in the town's trash budget to reimburse the transfer station operator for taking care of bandit dumping issues.

"I wouldn't imagine it would be a tremendous expense," Wells said.

Trustee Pat Swonger said residents should keep in mind that the basic fee for dumping trash was lowered some 35 percent for 2010. But a fee of \$35.71 per cubic yard was imposed on non-compactable items such as old appliances and construction materials.

And since landlords typically pay the town's utility bills, some renters are now actually facing a fee for dumping noncompactable materials they weren't charged for in the past.

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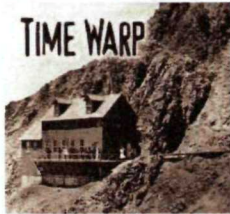
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# Silverton Standard & Caboose

Thursday, November 18, 2010, Silverton, Colorado

"The past is not dead. In fact, it's not even past." — William Faulkner



## TIME WARP A LITTLE WORSE THAN STEALING SHEEP.

Some of those kickers who last week stopped their paper silently perused the columns of the *Standard* by borrowing it from their neighbors. This is a little worse than stealing sheep.

## From the November 15, 1902 edition of the *Silverton Standard*: EXTRACTS FROM THE GLADSTONE KIBOSH:

As editor and proprietor of the *Kibosh* we wish to enter a protest against scandal mongers and gossipers. Only last week just because Deacon Devine's adopted sister was seen coming out of our office at 3 o'clock in the morning with a beer bottle in her hand, people, low, meddlesome people are talking about her. The same week Willie B. Good, leader of the choir, fell out of the upper window of Hooley's mansion, occupied by their hired girl, at 4 o'clock in the morning and now the same low, miserable people are talking about the misconduct of Willie.

Read the advertisement of Bumfelzt, the undertaker, in another column. He will make a great reduction in coffins for the next thirty days. He will also give \$50 toward starting a football game and has sent to Denver for a faith-cure doctor. Bumfelzt is a hustler for business.

## From the November 12, 1904 edition of the *Silverton Standard*: PAULINE, KATIE FINED AFTER PUMMELING MR. KLOSTER.

Last Thursday evening Pauline Brown and Katie King called at the merchant tailoring establishment of J.N. Kloster for the purpose of exacting a settlement of some sort as to the possession of

## '21' PEARL



Pearl Thompson, known as "21" Pearl because of her expertise at blackjack, was born on Feb. 9, 1892, probably in New York. She came to Silverton at age 33 and purchased the old Mikado Saloon and Bordello in 1925. She was both a prostitute and madame. She died on Feb. 9, 1928, reportedly from an overdose of sleeping pills. She was 36 years old. A large crowd gathered to pay their final respects. She was buried at Hillside Cemetery.

a license for the sale of beer in their house on Blair street. The settlement did not satisfy the lessees of a building formerly owned by Kloster who also furnished the license, and Miss Brown landed on him with a right swing bearing enough force to cause complete collapse. Kloster regained his equilibrium and was again sent down and out by Pauline's powerful right, and the "scrap" was ended.

The duo then proceeded to have a "good time." Their indulgences in varied drinks caused hilarity which eventually developed into disorder and disturbance. They were arrested on two charges, one assault and the other drunk and disorderly conduct and in police court this Friday afternoon, were each fined \$10 and costs. The sum total for each to drop into the city's strongbox was \$39.50.

proud papa of a baby girl, born Tuesday evening. Mrs. Cole and baby are doing well, but as for Jimmie, just look at him.

Now that the election is over let us forget the differences that divided us during the stirring days of the campaign, cut out all further bickerings and all join hands again in one united and grand single purpose for the betterment of mining conditions in the Golden San Juan.

## 100 YEARS AGO From the November 19, 1910 edition of the *Silverton Standard*: GEM THEATRE OPEN.

The Gem theatre is now in full swing and every night they have been favored with record breaking crowds. With a complete change of program each night, Miller & Ennis promise the public an interesting and pleasing program each evening of the coming week.

Sheriff Alvin Kramer and Night Watch Ed Welch are back from a trip to Denver to which place they were summoned as witnesses in the United States court, in the case of the hearing of Biondi, the black hand artist of the San Juan. Biondi's trial was set for November 28.

Have you noticed the smile on Jimmie Cole? Why? He is the

## From the November 18, 1916 edition of the *Silverton Standard*: TWO SHOT ON BLAIR STREET.

At a late hour last Saturday night the residents of Blair street were startled by a pistol shot and upon investigation it was learned that two people had been shot. The bullet struck a man by the name of Ole Hanson or Johnson in the back of the head, inflicting a nasty but not serious scalp wound and glanced off into the chest of Joe Fred, Jr., who was standing close by, and lodged in his lung. Mr. Fred was taken to the Miners' Union hospital where he is resting quite well. The person who is supposed to have fired the shot was arrested and lodged in jail the next day.

## Looking Back ...

10 years ago  
November 16, 2000

A troublesome patron of the Miners' Tavern decided, after he was expelled from the bar, that he would just hop into the nearest sheriff patrol vehicle and drive around Silverton.

The escapade ended with the arrest of Jack D. Walker of Mt. Enterprise, Texas, for driving under the influence and theft of a motor vehicle, a felony. No charges were filed against Walker, 47, for alleged harassment of bartender Lovey Cooper and the patrons of the Miners' Tavern. ...

"Kyle Roberts and Scott Craig were playing their guitars and everyone was having a nice time until that guy walked in. He heckled the musicians pretty loud and then tried to get the juke box to play during Roberts' and Craig's performance," said Cooper.

15 years ago  
November 16, 1995

Nearly three years after Silverton's town hall was gutted by fire, the town and its insurer CIRSA have negotiated the final payment on the insurance claim.

The settlement of \$497,487.50, worked out over two days last week by CIRSA and a five member negotiating team from Silverton, was approved by the town board at its Monday night meeting. The payment will bring CIRSA's total payment on the fire claim to about \$2 million.

20 years ago  
November 15, 1990

The Town of Silverton is advertising for a new position, town treasurer. The new position will not add another person to the payroll, but replace the full-time deputy clerk.

The job of town clerk and treasurer had been performed for several years by Marianne Fearn. The deputy clerk job grew from a part-time job to a full time job in 1989. Bev Rich holds that position but will be resigning because she is the new San Juan County treasurer-elect.

25 years ago  
November 14, 1985

The Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Company this week purchased the old Denver and Rio Grande depot, which was built in 1882, from the San Juan County Historical Society. The society acquired the building in 1969, after the Denver and Rio Grande Western indicated it was going to tear it down. Primarily through the efforts of then *Standard* publisher Allen Nossaman, the railroad was convinced to donate the historic building to the society.

30 years ago  
November 20, 1980

Police blotter: Received a report that a local dog ate some animal fat that apparently was deliberately laced with fish hooks. The dog had to be destroyed.

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